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SUBJECT:FRENCH OYSTER INDUSTRY

1. NATIONAL MARINE FISHERIES SERVICE (NMFS), NOAA, COMMERCE REQUESTS INFORMATION ON OYSTER MARKETS; INDUSTRY, AND PRICES IN FRANCE IN RESPONSE TO U.S. COMPANY INQUIRY. FIRM HOPES TO EXPORT OYSTERS TO FRANCE AND DESIRES WEEKLY WHOLESALE MARKET PRICES FOR THE MOST RECENT 3 MONTHS.

2. HAS IMPORT BAN ON SHELLFISH (OYSTERS, CLAMS, MUSSELS) BEEN LIFTED? IF SO, WHAT FRENCH SANITARY REGULATIONS WILL APPLY TO U.S. EXPORTATION OF SHELLFISH, ESPECIALLY OYSTERS.

3. IS THE 18 PERCENT AD VALOREM TAX ON OYSTERS OVER 12 GRAMS STILL IN EFFECT?

4. ANY ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON FRENCH OYSTER INDUSTRY AND MARKET, INCLUDING PUBLICATIONS, RESEARCH PAPERS, AND TRADE INFORMATION, WILL BE GREATLY APPRECIATED. PLEASE UNCLASSIFIED

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AIR POUCH TO DIVISION OF INTERNATIONAL FISHERIES ANALYSIS

(F41), NMFS. RECENT DATA ON OYSTER IMPORTS FROM CANADA,
ITALY, JAPAN, AND OTHER COUNTRIES WOULD BE MOST USEFUL. INGERSOLL

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